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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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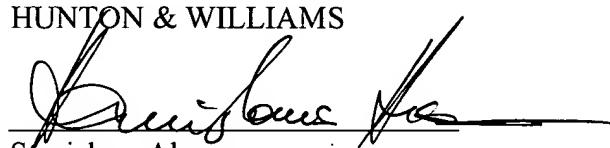
Since copies of the cited documents were previously submitted in prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/091,733, now U.S. Patent 6,261,626, copies of the cited documents are not being submitted herewith, except for two documents discussed below. Copies of the following two documents are enclosed: (i) Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration; and (ii) a English translation of the full text of Hu et al., CN 1106821. Copies of

both of these documents were submitted in the prior application, but since at least one of them was an attachment to an Applicants' response, Applicants submit them for the Examiner's convenience. This application is a divisional application of the prior application and claims priority from the earlier application under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of all documents will be forwarded at the request of the Examiner.

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